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Dear Ms Kane:

Pursuant to IC 4-22-2-28, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation ("IEDC") has reviewed the economic impact analysis for small business associated with rule changes proposed by the Indiana Natural Resources Commission ("NRC") and contained in LSA Document 08-614. The proposed rule amends 312 IAC 6 and 312 IAC 10 concerning creek rock removal in navigable and non-navigable waters. The NRC estimates that fewer than twenty (20) small businesses will be affected by the proposed rule. The primary change associated with the proposed rule is the creation of a general license that provides an exemption from certain license fees for businesses who perform creek rock removal, provided that the work performed is minimal and is conducted in during certain times of the year.

The impact statement prepared by the NRC indicates that the proposed rule does not impose any new economic or reporting costs on affected small businesses. The proposed rule does not increase any fees beyond those currently imposed by existing rules. Rather, the proposed rule creates potential cost savings for some small businesses by exempting them from these fees.

The IEDC does not object to the economic impact for small businesses associated with this proposed rule. The proposed rule does not impose any new costs on small businesses and, in certain circumstances, could lead to cost savings for small businesses.

If you have any questions about the comments contained herein please contact me at 232-8962 or rasberry@iedc.in.gov.

Sincerely,

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